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SUBJ: MOUNTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN TERRORIST TRIAL

REF: STATE 042089

1. DURING GENERAL CONVERSATION MARCH 11 WITH FONOFF USEC FADL OBEID, AMBASSADOR REFERRED MOUNTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN US IN BSO TERRORIST TRIAL. NOTING CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER INQUIRIES REFTEL, AMBASSADOR READ OBEID CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE (PARAS 5 AND 7 REFTEL), STRESSING COMMENTS WOULD ONLY BE USED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED THAT USG CONTINUED HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SUDANESE JUSTICE, BUT HE WISHED OBEID BE AWARE PUBLIC LINE WE WERE TAKING SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY.

2. REGARDING CHARGE AGAINST MURDERERS THAT THEY ENTERED SUDAN ILLEGALLY, OBEID CONFIRMED HE HAD HIMSELF RAISED THIS POINT ON BEING PROVIDED DETAILS MURDERERS TRAVEL DTRUMENTS FROM AIRPORT CUSTOMS KHARTOUM. OBEID ASSUMED VISAS FALSE, TELEGRAPHED SUDANESE EMBASSY BEIRUT AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION
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NO SUCH INDIVIDUALS HAD CALLED AT EMBASSY AND NO SUCH VISAS

ISSUED. OBEID INDICATED EVEN AT THAT TIME SUDANESE CONSULATES
ABROAD NOT, REPEAT NOT, AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISAS TO
PALESTINIANS WITHOUT PRIOR REFERENCE KHARTOUM.

3. COMMENT. REFTEL MOST USEFUL IN PROVIDING APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY AGAIN DISCUSS BSO CASE WITH TOP FONOFF
OFFICIAL. PURPOSE WAS, OF COURSE, TO UNDERLINE TO OBEID
CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST OUTCOME THIS CASE ON PART
AMERICAN OPINION, NOW THAT INQUIRY OVER AND TRIAL ITSELF DUE
TO START.
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